

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2004**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2004. Mayor Canfield presided.

Roll Call: PRESENT: White, Wilson, Witt, Elliott, McNaul.
 ABSENT: Worley.

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as printed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Elliott, Witt, Wilson. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

- Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, April 5, 2004 Regular Session.
- Approval of the Clerk's Report.
- Approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL to pay all claims where funds are available. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Elliott, Witt, Wilson. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Council reviewed information submitted: PAD Minutes of April 1 and 8, 2004, the Library Minutes of February and March 2004 and the correspondence from the Iowa Department of Transportation in regard to the RISE grant application approval for the Lang Creek Crossing Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Report from Public Works & Grounds Committee.

- A1. Review of the annual request from the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce for city assistance and support of the Happy Days Festival.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WITT, to approve the request for Happy Days as submitted by the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce and the building rental will be in compliance with the city policy for refunding of fees for the use. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, Witt, McNaul, White, Wilson. Motion carried.

- B2. Review of the request by Jaydine Good for the waiver of parking restrictions on Penrose Street May 30.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WITT to approve the request as submitted by Jaydine Good. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, Witt, Wilson, White, McNaul. Motion carried.

- C3. Review of the request from Seeland Park for the waiver of parking restrictions on Penrose Street.

Elliott noted that the date of the event is May 2, 2004 and that the request was not specific about the location needed for restricted parking.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WITT, to approve the request with the location to be defined by the City Manager. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, Witt, White, McNaul, Wilson. Motion carried.

D4. Review of the request from Kites Over Grinnell for the waiver of parking restriction on Penrose Street.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WITT, to approve the waiver of the parking restriction on Penrose Street from 8th Avenue to corporate limits, all day and evening. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, Witt, McNaul, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

E5. Review of the permit submitted by Manatt's for the rebuilding of the driveway at 733 Broad Street.

Elliott discussed that the College would like to rebuild the driveway that provides entrance to the maintenance garage. Because the driveway is located in state right-of-way, the additional permit is required.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WITT, to approve the permit as submitted for 733 Broad Street. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, Witt, Wilson, McNaul, White. Motion carried.

F6. Discussion in regard to the establishment of a DOG park.

The committee was presented by staff with a petition prepared by neighbors objecting to the proposed location of the park. The committee requested clarification of several other issues such as on going maintenance, responsibility and liability. The committee will continue to work with members of the DOG Board to clarify the issues. Elliott commented that it will take time to resolve the issues. Wilson added that the discussion of this item was an amendment to agenda at the time of the meeting.

II. Report from the Finance Committee.

- Review of economic development funding.

White reviewed the discussion in regard to funds budgeted for economic development. No decision has been made at this time as the item is still under review. The committee will continue to report to the Council as progress is made.

- Recommend approval for the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

The requests were approved as presented.

- Update in regard to the request for damage reimbursement.

White updated the Council on the request made by Ms. Diane Wilson to speak to the City Council on the issue of the damage to her vehicle and the downtown parking.

III. Appointment to Boards and Commissions with City Council Approval.

Mayor Canfield did not have any appointments.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE:

Moved by WHITE, second by ELLIOTT to conduct the second reading of Ordinance 1228: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY. - *locally known as a portion of the city parking lot on the west side of Main Street between Third and Fourth Avenues in Grinnell's Central Business District.*" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Elliott, Witt, McNaul, Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by WHITE, second by WILSON to approve and adopt Resolution 2664: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Michael and Susan Witt, 10 Melrose Lane.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Wilson, McNaul, Elliott. Abstention: Witt –due to conflict of interest as he is related to the applicant.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE to approve and adopt Resolution 2665: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Richard J. and Sylvia K. Vogel, 1406 Prince Street)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Wilson, Elliott, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by ELLIOTT to approve and adopt Resolution 2666: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Jack and Marge Richards, 1909 Prairie Street)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Elliott, Wilson, McNaul, Witt. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES:

Mr. Lee Henderson - 825 ½ Apt 3 – commented about the downtown parking regulations. He was concerned over parking restrictions and second story tenants having to move their vehicles every 24 hours even though he may only drive his vehicle once a week. Elliott suggested Mr. Henderson develop some solutions to the issue. She felt with the ongoing second story development, parking will become a larger issue. She felt that either Public Safety or Public Works and Grounds Committee should work with him to resolve the issue. McNaul felt the issue should be reviewed by Public Works and Grounds. Wilson suggested a type of permit parking or neighborhood type parking for downtown residents with the exceptions applying to snow removal. White suggested the city should rent more parking spaces from the city parking lots. Elliott directed him to contact local police officers and other communities to develop alternatives.

Mr. Jason Copeland – 1120 Reed Street No. 2302 – described a recent situation with the 911 Communications and dispatch. Behrens commented that the city will be actively participating in the two studies being completed by Poweshiek County to review the situation.

ADJOURN:

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WHITE, to adjourn this regular session of the Grinnell City Council. Vote: Five (5) ayes, motion carried. Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gordon Canfield, Mayor

Cassandra R. Hage, City Clerk